

**STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chairman
Ann Notthoff (Public Member)
Marisa Moret (Public Member)
Bryan Cash (Designated, Natural Resources Agency)
Karen Finn (Designated, Department of Finance)

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anita Lee for Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer
Jack Judkins, Legal Counsel

LOCATION:

Town Hall- City of Fort Bragg
363 N. Main Street
Fort Bragg, CA

Chair Bosco, introduced and welcomed Mayor of Fort Bragg, David Turner.

1. ROLL CALL

Douglas Bosco (Public Member), Chairman
Ann Notthoff (Public Member)
Marisa Moret (Public Member)
Bryan Cash (Designated, Natural Resources Agency)
Karen Finn (Designated, Department of Finance)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 20, 2013 CONSERVANCY MEETING

The June 20, 2013 Minutes were moved and seconded and approved by a vote of 3-0. Bryan Cash and Marisa Moret abstained as they did not attend the June 20 board meeting.

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3. CONSENT ITEMS

A. SOUTH COAST FISHERY PLANS

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to \$46,000 to Ecotrust to prepare community fisheries revitalization plans for ports and waterfront areas in Ventura and San Pedro, provided that EcoTrust shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a work plan, schedule, budget, and the names of any contractors to be employed.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with section 31111 and Chapter 7 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding urban waterfront restoration.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. Ecotrust is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

B. INTEGRATED WATRSHED RESTORATION PROGRAM

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy augments its May 19, 2011 authorization to disburse additional funds of up to seven hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$775,000) to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCDSCC) to design and permit 25-30 more critical watershed restoration projects to implement the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program. Prior to disbursement of additional funds, the RCDSCC shall submit for the review and written approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer revised work programs, including scopes of work, budgets and schedules for the program.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

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1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization remains consistent with the Conservancy's May 19, 2011 findings regarding the program's compliance with the Conservancy's enabling legislation (Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code), the applicable local coastal programs, and local watershed management and State Water Quality Control Plans.(See Exhibits 2 and 3)."

C. DIAS RIDGE CONNECTOR TRAIL

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to \$72,000 to the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy ("GGNPC") to plan and design the first segment of the multi-use Dias Ridge Connector Trail, which will connect the Dias Ridge trail junction at the historic Golden Gate Dairy with the Redwood Creek Trail near the intersection of Frank Valley Road and Highway 1, at Muir Beach in Marin County."

This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to disbursement of any Conservancy funds for the project, GGNPC shall submit a work program, schedule, and budget for the review and approval of the Conservancy's Executive Officer ("Executive Officer").
2. Prior to disbursement of Conservancy funds for specific portions of the project, GGNPC shall submit the names and qualifications of all contractors GGNPC retains to complete those portions of the project.
3. GGNPC shall ensure that the designs for the trail and related facilities improvements are consistent with all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations and guidelines governing barrier-free access for persons with disabilities."

Findings:

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding a system of public accessways.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

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3. The GGNPC is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Consent items approved by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor David Turner welcomed the Conservancy and thanked them for all their support for the projects in Fort Bragg.

4. **EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

The Executive Officer Report was given in this order:

- B. The Executive Officer asked the board if they had any conflicts with the proposed 2014 Meeting Schedule. He indicated the May 29 meeting would probably be held in Sacramento. The Adoption of the Meeting Schedule for 2014 was approved by a vote of 5-0. Copy of memo attached to these minutes.
- C. The Executive Officer reported on two enacted bills from the Legislative Report that was provided to the members of the Conservancy - SB 436/AB 606, providing new Proposition 12 funds to the Conservancy for a grant for emergency erosion control measures along Hueneme Beach and, SB 279 establishing procedures for conducting a multi-county election to approve a special tax measure proposed by the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority. The Executive Officer also noted that there were several proposed water bond measures before the Legislature and suggested that the Conservancy members might want to review the various proposals.
- A. Deputy Executive Officer Mary Small provided an update on the Conservancy’s financial status. She noted that the Conservancy has more remaining funding than estimated in last year’s report, due to higher-than-expected matching grant funds received by the Conservancy and higher-than-expected remaining pools of various bond funds.

NORTH COAST

5. **RYAN CREEK WATERSHED**

Joel Gerwein of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Hank Seemann, Deputy Director of Public Works, Humboldt County.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby accepts \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) in grant funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (“USFWS”) and authorizes the

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disbursement of up to \$950,000 (nine hundred fifty thousand dollars) to Humboldt County (“the County”) to acquire approximately 1,005 acres in the Ryan Creek watershed, Humboldt County Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 015-061-001, 015-171-001, 016-181-002, 016-191-004, 016-201-005, 017-031-007, 017-032-006 (portion), 017-071-010, 017-071-011, 017-072-004, 017-073-003, 017-073-006, 017-141-004, 017-151-007, 017-164-002, 017-173-003, 300-011-008 (portion), 300-011-013 (portion), 300-011-014 (portion), 303-011-003 (portion), 303-012-001 (portion), and 303-012-006 (portion) (“the property”), as shown on Exhibit 1 to the accompanying staff recommendation, for open space and natural resource protection and enhancement, the conservation of declining wetlands, habitat protection for listed and sensitive species, public access, and sustainable timber production, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of any Conservancy funds for the acquisition, the County shall submit for review and approval by the Executive Officer:
 - a. All relevant acquisition documents, including but not limited to an appraisal, environmental assessment, agreement of purchase and sale, escrow instructions, and documents related to title.
 - b. Evidence that the County has obtained all funds necessary to complete the acquisition.
2. The County shall dedicate the property for open space and natural resource protection and enhancement, the conservation of declining wetlands, habitat protection for listed and sensitive species, public access, and sustainable timber production, in a manner acceptable to the Executive Officer.
3. The County shall pay no more than fair market value for the property, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
4. Conservancy and USFWS funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property that has been reviewed and approved by the Executive Officer.
5. The County shall purchase the property only from willing sellers.
6. The County shall ensure compliance with and assist the Conservancy in complying with the grant terms of the USFWS.
7. The County shall prepare a forest management plan for the property, and submit this plan for approval by the Executive Officer within a reasonable time after acquiring the property, but no later than December 31, 2016. The plan shall include descriptions of specific lands and reserve areas, an explanation of how indicators of ecosystem health and forest productivity will be monitored and evaluated, a public access component, and an explanation of educational and outreach programs that will be

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implemented regarding sustainably managing redwood forests. The plans shall be updated periodically, and the updates submitted for approval by the Executive Officer.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding Integrated Coastal and Marine Resources Protection.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

6. NORTH COAST FISH PASSAGE

Michael Bowen of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Chair Bosco recused himself in order to avoid any potential to conflict of interest and left the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Ann Notthoff assumed the role of the Chair.

Michael Bowen pointed out that the proposed resolution had been revised from the resolution included in the staff recommendation so that the proposed resolution now reads as indicated below. Additionally, he noted that the staff recommendation has been revised to correct references to North Coast Railroad Authority, the public entity that owns the rights-of-way on which two of the fish passage projects will take place, and Northwestern Pacific Railroad, an entity that had operated trains on the rights-of-way in the past, as follows:

- A. The second sentence of the last paragraph at the bottom of page three is revised to read as follows: “The barrier was formed when the North Western Pacific Railroad (NWPR), a railroad operator that had operated on the line in the past, filled the creek channel with excavation debris and re-routed the original channel over a bedrock drop of at least twelve feet”.
- B. The fifth sentence of the second full paragraph on page six is revised to read as follows: “Subsequently, CalTrout commissioned an assessment of structures owned by North Coast Railroad Authority that may present barriers to fish passage”.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$230,000) to California Trout, Inc. to design one and implement

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three fish passage and habitat improvement projects in Humboldt and Mendocino County, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for each project, California Trout, Inc. shall submit for review and approval by the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:
 - a. A work program including a schedule and budget for the project.
 - b. All contractors to be retained for the project.
 - c. Documentation that access to the project site has been obtained for carrying out the project and, for any implementation project, for future monitoring and maintenance of the project.
 - d. For any implementation project, documentation that all necessary permits and approvals have been obtained.
 - e. Documentation that all funding required for the project has been secured.
2. Prior to commencement of work on the Quarry Creek implementation project, California Trout, Inc. shall enter into and record an agreement with the owner of the implementation project site pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 31116(c) sufficient to protect the public interest and provide for maintenance of the implementation project.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 6 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding resource enhancement.
3. California Trout, Inc. is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 4-0.

Chair Bosco returned to the meeting

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SAN FRANCISCO BAY

7. SAN FRANCISCO BAY CREOSOTE PILING REMOVAL

Marilyn Latta of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the acceptance of up to \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the expenditure of up to \$400,000 (four hundred thousand dollars) of those grant funds to conduct initial planning, design, and environmental compliance for a multi-objective creosote piling removal and Pacific herring habitat restoration pilot project in San Francisco Bay.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the resource goals of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

8. SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WATER TRAIL AUGMENTATION

Ann Buell of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to \$750,000 (seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars) to the Association of Bay Area Governments (“ABAG”) to augment an existing grant to develop and implement various projects for the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, directly or through sub-grants, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to commencement of any work on the project, ABAG shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a revised work program for the project as a whole, including a budget and schedule.
2. Prior to commencement of work on, disbursement of funds for, or entering into any contract or sub-grant agreement for any specific project, ABAG shall submit for the

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review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy with respect to that project:

- a. A work program, including a budget and schedule.
 - b. The names and qualifications of any contractors ABAG intends to retain to complete the project.
 - c. The proposed agreement with any sub-grantee to whom ABAG intends to award grant funds to undertake the project.
 - d. Documentation that all permits, approvals, and any other conditions precedent to the commencement of work for the project work have been obtained or met.
3. In developing and implementing projects, ABAG shall ensure compliance with all applicable mitigation and monitoring measures for the project that are identified in the *San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Plan Final Environmental Impact Report* ("WT FEIR," 2011) and in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, both of which were exhibits to the accompanying March 17, 2011 staff recommendation (Exhibit 2), or in any permits, approvals or additional environmental documentation required for the project.
 4. ABAG shall require each sub-grantee to develop and implement a sub-grant project consistent with all applicable laws regarding access for persons with disabilities.
 5. For any project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), no Conservancy funds shall be disbursed toward implementation until the Conservancy, through the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Project Management Team (comprised of staff of the Conservancy, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, ABAG, and the Division of Boating and Waterways of the Department of Parks and Recreation), has determined that the project requires no further environmental documentation beyond the WT FEIR under CEQA, or if additional environmental documentation is required, that the Conservancy or other appropriate public agency has undertaken the additional documentation required under CEQA and the Conservancy has reviewed that additional documentation.
 6. ABAG shall ensure that Conservancy funding is acknowledged through the inclusion of the Conservancy logo, in a manner approved by the Conservancy's Executive Officer, in signs installed at project sites and in all media produced and managed under this grant."

Findings:

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

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1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding resource and recreational goals in the San Francisco Bay Area.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

9. HAIRE RANCH ACQUISITION

Tom Gandesbery of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to three hundred fifty three thousand seven hundred eleven dollars (\$353,711) to the Sonoma Land Trust (SLT) towards the acquisition of approximately 1,091 acres of property commonly known as the “Haire Ranch,” Sonoma County Assessor’s Parcel Numbers 128-491-019 and 128-491-020.

1. Prior to disbursement of any Conservancy funds for acquisition, SLT shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer all relevant acquisition documents, including but not limited to an appraisal, environmental assessment, escrow instructions, title report, and documents of title necessary for the purchase of the property; and information regarding the disposition of the California Land Conservation Act (“Williamson Act”) contract on the property.
2. SLT shall dedicate the property for open space preservation, natural resource protection, and public access, through an appropriate instrument approved by the Conservancy’s Executive Officer.
3. SLT shall pay no more than fair market value for the property, as established in an appraisal approved by the Conservancy’s Executive Officer.
4. SLT shall submit for the review and approval of the Conservancy’s Executive Officer a plan showing the design and placement of sign(s) acknowledging Conservancy funding.
5. The Executive Officer shall approve the Cooperative Land Management Agreement (“CLMA”) for the property between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and a land manager.
6. The Natural Resources Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture shall agree that activities allowed under the CLMA are “compatible uses” under the conservation easement to be held by the United States over the property.”

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Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program, Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, Sections 31160-31165.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The grantee (Sonoma Land Trust) is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

10. PENITENCIA CREEK

Jeff Melby of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to the City of San José for construction of a segment of the San Francisco Bay Area Ridge Trail along Penitencia Creek, within the City of San José, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of Conservancy funds for construction, the City of San José shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:
 - a. Evidence that the City of San José has obtained all necessary permits and approvals.
 - b. A signing plan for the project acknowledging Conservancy participation and identifying the trail as part of the San Francisco Bay Area Ridge Trail system.
 - c. A final work plan (including the names of any contractors to be used in the completion of the project), project schedule and budget.
2. The City shall ensure that the project is consistent with all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations and guidelines governing barrier-free access for persons with disabilities.

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Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the resource and recreation goals of the San Francisco Bay area.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the City of San José on October 31, 2006 and the Addendum to a Mitigated Negative Declaration certified by the City on April 5, 2013 for the proposed project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4). The Conservancy finds that there is no substantial evidence that the project as mitigated will have a significant effect on the environment as defined in 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15382.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

11. RIDGE TRAIL - VARGAS PLATEAU

Matt Gerhart of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of up to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to the East Bay Regional Park District (“the District”) to construct the Morrison Canyon Staging Unit for the Vargas Plateau section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail in Alameda County subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds the District shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:
 - a. A work program, including project schedule and budget, and the names of any contractors and/or subcontractors to be employed on the project;
 - b. Evidence that all permits and approvals necessary to implement the project have been obtained; and
 - c. A signing plan for the project.
2. The District shall provide evidence to the Conservancy that it has implemented the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 5.

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3. The District shall provide evidence to the Conservancy that it has implemented the measures identified by it to address the project's potential greenhouse gas impacts, more specifically identified in the "Consistency with CEQA" section of the accompanying staff recommendation."

Findings:

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the purposes and objectives of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the District on April 1, 2008, attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 5. The Conservancy finds that the project, as mitigated, avoids, reduces or mitigates potential significant environmental effects and that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15382."

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

CENTRAL COAST

12. CEMEX REDWOODS PROPERTY

Janet Diehl of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Bryan Largay, Conservation Director, Land Trust of Santa Cruz County, Harry Pollack, Deputy Executive Officer, Save the Redwoods League.

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$1,900,000) to the Save the Redwoods League ("League") to acquire a conservation and public access easement over the 8,532-acre Cemex Redwoods property in northern Santa Cruz County, comprising 26 parcels as shown on Exhibit 2. The Conservancy further authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County ("Land Trust") to prepare a public access plan for the Cemex Redwoods property. These authorizations are subject to the following conditions:

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1. Prior to the disbursement of Conservancy funds for acquisition, the League shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy (“the Executive Officer”):
 - a. All relevant title and acquisition documents pertaining to acquisition of the conservation easement, including, without limitation, the appraisal, preliminary title reports, environmental assessments, agreements for purchase and sale, escrow instructions, instruments of conveyance, a baseline-conditions report for the property, and a property-monitoring protocol.
 - b. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete acquisition of the easement.
2. The League shall pay no more than fair market value for the conservation and public access easement, as approved by the Executive Officer, based on an appraisal of the property.
3. The public’s interest in the conservation easement shall be permanently protected through terms of the easement itself or through another appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
4. Conservancy funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign or signs on the property or in a nearby public staging area, the number, design and location of which are to be approved by the Executive Officer.
5. Prior to disbursement of funds for the public access plan, the Land Trust shall submit for Executive Officer review and approval a work plan, schedule and budget, and the names and qualifications of any subcontractors.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 9 of Division 21(Sections 31400-31410) of the Public Resources Code, regarding the establishment of a system of public accessways to and along the California Coast.
3. Save the Redwoods League and the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County are nonprofit organizations that qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Service Code, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

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13. PIRATES COVE

Tim Duff of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed \$350,000 (three hundred fifty thousand dollars) to the County of San Luis Obispo (County) to design, apply for permits and construct public access improvements at Pirates Cove, as shown in Exhibit 2 to the accompanying staff recommendation, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for design and permit application tasks, the County shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a work program, budget, schedule, and names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed for these tasks.
2. Prior to the disbursement of funds for construction, the County shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:
 - a. Evidence that the County has obtained all necessary permits and approvals, and all other funds necessary to complete the project.
 - b. A final work program, including final construction drawings, a budget, schedule, and names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed for these tasks.
 - c. A signing plan for the project acknowledging Conservancy participation and designation of the project as a segment of the California Coastal Trail.
3. The County shall comply with all permit conditions associated with the construction and operation of the trail and access support facilities.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 9 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding public access.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The Conservancy has independently reviewed and considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration and a separate Mitigation Monitoring Plan adopted by the County on July

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25, 2013 under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4, and finds that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, as defined in 14 California Code of Regulations section 15382.

4. The proposed project will serve more than local public needs.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

14. CARMEL BEACH RESTROOM

Tim Duff of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea (grantee) to construct a barrier-free restroom, landscaping, and drinking fountain at Carmel Beach, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds, grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy:
 - a. Evidence that the grantee has obtained all necessary permits and approvals, and all other funds necessary to complete the public access improvements.
 - b. A final work program, budget, schedule, and names of any contractors to be employed for these tasks.
 - c. A signing plan for the project acknowledging Conservancy participation.
2. The City shall ensure that the final design of the project is consistent with the Conservancy’s ‘Standards and Recommendations for Accessway Location and Development’ and with all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations and guidelines governing barrier-free access for persons with disabilities.
3. The City shall install California Coastal Trail emblems in the project area at locations identified by the City in consultation with the Conservancy.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy’s current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed project is consistent with Chapter 9, sections 31400-31410 of Division

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21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding coastal access.

3. The proposed project area is identified in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea's certified Local Coastal Program's Land Use Plan as requiring public action to resolve existing resource protection problems.
4. The proposed project serves greater than local needs."

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

SOUTH COAST

15. LIVING LAB ENVIROMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Joan Cardellino of the Coastal presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation and giving a film presentation: Shara Fisler, Executive Director, Ocean Discovery Institute, Jorge Rivera, 2009 leader and student of the Ocean Discovery Institute.

Resolution:

"The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) to the Ocean Discovery Institute for costs related to final design and construction of the Living Lab, an environmental education center.

Prior to disbursement of Conservancy funds, Ocean Discovery Institute shall submit for the review and written approval of the Conservancy's Executive Officer:

1. A detailed work program, including budget and schedule.
2. The names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed on the project.
3. A sign plan to acknowledge Conservancy funding for the project.
4. A monitoring and evaluation component for the project.
5. Evidence that all required permits have been secured."

Findings:

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Chapter 5.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the protection of coastal and marine resources.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.

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3. Ocean Discovery Institute is a nonprofit organization existing under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service, and whose purposes are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

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16. EXPLORE THE COAST

Amy Hutzler of the Coastal Conservancy presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

“The State Coastal Conservancy hereby authorizes disbursement of up to one million, three hundred twenty-five thousand, four hundred fourteen dollars (\$1,325,414) to 52 nonprofit organizations and public agencies for projects that facilitate and enhance the public’s opportunities to explore the coast of California and the San Francisco Bay shoreline, specifically as follows, to the:

- City of Fort Bragg: Thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000) to develop and implement educational, interpretive and stewardship programs for Blue Whale skeleton and Noyo Center classroom, Mendocino County.
- Friends of the Dunes: Thirty-two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$32,500) for development of multi-media outreach materials and education programs to attract new and underserved visitors to the coast, Humboldt County.
- Humboldt Baykeeper: Thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$37,000) to implement “Humboldt Bay Connections”, an inclusive and multi-modal Bay and Coastal Trail public access and education program, Humboldt County.
- Mattole Restoration Council: One thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$1,800) to design, build and install up to ten signs to manage and enhance enjoyment of coastal resources at Mattole Beach and on Prosper Ridge, Humboldt County.
- Mendocino Land Trust: Forty-one thousand, five hundred dollars (\$41,500) to develop an application for mobile devices to detail and interpret California Coastal Trail segments along the Mendocino coastline, Mendocino County.
- Redwood Community Action Agency: Eighteen thousand, three hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$18,328) to create a series of public outreach and education events bringing attention to and protection of south Eureka’s Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary, Humboldt County.
- Sonoma Land Trust: Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to develop and coordinate five new “On the Land” events to engage the community in unguided public access at the Estero Americano Preserve, Sonoma County.
- Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods: Thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000) to initiate the “Sonoma Coast Marine Education Program” at Bodega Head, Sonoma County.
- Acterra: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to engage youth and community members in the enhancement of a section of the San Francisco Bay Trail, San Mateo County.

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- Association of Bay Area Governments: Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for development of a San Francisco Bay Trail way finding and interpretive mobile device application, Marin, Napa, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties.
- Berkeley Racing Canoe Center: One thousand, five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the purchase of personal floatation devices, paddles, and storage locker, and for boat maintenance for the Center's dragon boat racing program that serves regional youth on San Francisco Bay, Alameda County.
- Earth Island Institute/Kids for the Bay: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to implement an environmental education program bringing urban, underserved youth to creek, bay, and ocean habitats, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.
- East Bay Regional Park District: Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the "Park Express Program", providing transportation to shoreline parks, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.
- Literacy for Environmental Justice: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to coordinate volunteer stewardship and community engagement events at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area, San Francisco County.
- The Environmental Volunteers: Twenty-four thousand, nine hundred dollars (\$24,900) for implementing environmental education and stewardship programs at the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve, Santa Clara County.
- The Watershed Project: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for implementation of the *Wild! Oysters* classroom curriculum and field trips, Contra Costa County.
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for interpretive panels that engage nontraditional users at one of the recently restored South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Project sites, San Mateo County.
- Central Coast State Parks Association: Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for student bus transportation in the Central Coast and Central Valley to the Museum of Natural History at Morro Bay State Park and the Morro Bay National Estuary, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Central Valley Counties.
- City of Santa Barbara: Twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) for development of coastal environmental, historical, and cultural information for websites, maps and interpretive signage, Santa Barbara County.
- County of San Mateo: Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for instituting a volunteer trail patrol program to educate and assist users of the new 1.3-mile segment of California Coastal Trail at Devil's Slide, San Mateo County.
- Ecology Action of Santa Cruz County: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for two "Open Street" events where several miles of coastal roads in Santa Cruz and Capitola will be closed to vehicular traffic and opened to the public for outdoor recreation and education, Santa Cruz County.
- McCabe Elementary: Sixteen thousand, eight hundred fifty-three dollars (\$16,853) for bus transportation and supplies for five field trips from a Fresno middle school to Morro Bay State Park and Museum of Natural History to participate in a docent-led school group program, San Luis Obispo and Fresno Counties.

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- Museum Foundation of Pacific Grove: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the Museum's Long-term Monitoring Program and Experimental Training for Students ("LiMPETS") program to bring students to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.
- Oikonos Ecosystem Knowledge: Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for community based restoration of coastal bluff habitat along the California Coastal Trail, Santa Cruz County.
- O'Neill Sea Odyssey: Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for bus transportation to and from Santa Cruz Harbor for 18 lower-income elementary school classes to attend a marine education project, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.
- Pacifica Land Trust: Twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) to develop a virtual tour of the Pedro Point Headland as an interpretive guide to both on-site and remote users, San Mateo County.
- Point San Luis Lighthouse Keepers: Twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) to develop multi-media interpretive information for the lighthouse, classrooms and over the internet, San Luis Obispo County.
- Santa Barbara County Trails Council: Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for development of public interpretive information, a printed brochure and web-based interactive maps of Gaviota Coast access opportunities and resources, Santa Barbara County.
- Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History: Eight thousand, eight hundred five dollars (\$8,805) for a docent-led public program to find marine mammals in Monterey Bay with spotting scopes, Santa Cruz County.
- The Regents of the University of California: Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to create a youth education partnership program to provide teacher training and educational materials and to provide bus transportation for field trips for 12-14 fifth-grade classes, Santa Barbara County.
- Crystal Cove Alliance: Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to support educational programming at Crystal Cove State Park, including the expansion of Marine Protected Area Citizen Science Cruises and the development of citizen science programs to be used in conjunction with an on-site environmental study trail loop, Orange County.
- Heal the Bay: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the "Stoked on the Coast!" Video Contest, Los Angeles County.
- Los Angeles Conservation Corps: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to develop a Coastal Corps program on public education and stewardship of shoreline natural resources, Los Angeles County.
- Maritime Museum of San Diego: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to plan and host the San Diego Festival of Sail 2014, San Diego County.
- Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority: Twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) for the "Transit to Trails" program of free trips to Los Angeles and Ventura County coastal areas for residents of disadvantaged and severely-disadvantaged areas, Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

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- NOAA National Marine Sanctuary: Forty-nine thousand, nine hundred twenty-five dollars (\$49,925) to implement an environmental education program including training of educators and study of coastal sites, Ventura County.
- Ocean Discovery Institute: Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for coastal field trips and environmental stewardship projects as part of the “Ocean Science Explorers” program, San Diego County.
- Ocean Institute: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to plan and host the Tall Ships Festival in Dana Point Harbor, Orange County.
- Otis College of Art and Design: Nine thousand, five hundred dollars (\$9,500) to provide a kite-making program for underserved children at the Otis Kite Festival, Los Angeles County.
- San Diego Audubon Society: Nine thousand, nine hundred fifty dollars (\$9,950) to provide two public awareness components of the San Diego Bird Festival, San Diego County.
- San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy: Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to provide school programs and weekend events for inland students and families from lower-income areas at the San Elijo Lagoon, San Diego County.
- The Ocean Foundation: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to support educational activities of the “Ocean Connectors Program”, serving lower-income fourth through sixth grade school students in the National City School District, San Diego County.
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Nine thousand, eight hundred eighty-two dollars (\$9,882) for 10 field trips for 10 local schools to study and document coastal habitat along the Ventura coast, Ventura County.
- WILDCOAST: Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to provide educational, recreational and stewardship opportunities at three of San Diego’s Marine Protected Areas for lower-income high school students, San Diego County.
- Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to provide adaptive cycling trips for persons with physical disabilities on the California Coastal Trail and San Francisco Bay Trail, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Monterey Counties.
- Earth Island Institute/Shark Stewards: Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for a public education, technology and kayak event outreach program on sharks and their beneficial role in the San Francisco Bay and marine ecosystem, Alameda, Marin, and San Francisco Counties.
- Environmental Traveling Companions: Thirty-seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$37,500) for a disadvantaged youth and physically or developmentally disabled persons paddling program on San Francisco and Tomales Bays, Marin County.
- Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy: Thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000) to provide free shuttle service from lower-income and underserved neighborhoods in the San Francisco Bay Area to four Golden Gate National Recreation Area park sites, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties.

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- KCETLink: Forty-eight thousand dollars (\$48,000) to develop and produce a multimedia, web-based documentary on the California Coastal Trail in San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo Counties.
- Pelican Media: Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to produce and distribute short-film extras and hand-held application clips of its documentary on California brown pelicans, Statewide.
- Turtle Island Restoration Network: Forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to implement a bilingual public outreach campaign about sea turtles and other coastal and ocean protection issues and to encourage new visitation to the California Coast, Statewide, focused on San Francisco Bay Area counties.
- YMCA of San Francisco: Forty-nine thousand, four hundred seventy-one dollars (\$49,471) for coastal outdoor education, inquiry-based science, and service-learning programs for students in Title 1 middle and high schools at the YMCA Point Bonita location, Marin County.

The authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds to each grantee, each grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Conservancy's Executive Officer a final work program, schedule, budget, names of any project subcontractors, a plan for acknowledging Conservancy funding, and any other applicable agreements determined necessary for the project by the Conservancy's Executive Officer.
2. If the Conservancy's Executive Officer determines that a grantee nonprofit organization's corporate purposes are not consistent with Public Resources Code sections 31000 *et seq*, prior to disbursement of Conservancy funds, the nonprofit organization shall amend its corporate purposes to the satisfaction of the Conservancy's Executive Officer."

Findings:

"Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with Public Resources Code sections 31000 *et seq* (Chapters 3, 4.5, 6, 7, and 9 of Division 21), regarding undertaking educational projects for K-12 students relating to the coastal resources (Ch. 3); the resource and recreational goals in the San Francisco Bay Area (Ch. 4.5); coastal resource enhancement (Ch. 6); urban waterfront restoration (Ch. 7); and the establishment of a system of public accessways to and along the California Coast (Ch. 9).
2. The proposed project is consistent with the current Conservancy Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
3. The nonprofit organization grantees proposed under this authorization exist under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service, and their corporate purposes either are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code or, prior to disbursement of

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Conservancy funds, their corporate purposes shall be amended as provided in condition 2 of this resolution, above.”

Moved and seconded. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

17. CONSERVANCY MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no member comments

18. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment

19. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session

20. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 am